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home and income, and a chance to a fulfilling retirement are basic human rights of older Americans.

Social Security. Substantial improvements must be made in Social Security to be financed from general revenues. The income of older Americans should better reflect their earnings before retirement and should not be based only on regressive taxation.

The Senator voted for the 20 percent Social Security increase and calls to move the minimum payment up at least \$150 a month, and remove the restriction on outside earnings. (Senator McGovern strongly supported legislation in Congress to protect Social Security recipients against the rising cost of living.)

Good Health Care. Senator McGovern has called for a comprehensive national health insurance program and is a co-sponsor of the Health Security Act introduced by Senator Kennedy. He has introduced legislation to establish a network of emergency medical systems throughout the country, to assure that every citizen has access to adequate services when needed. An important part of this program calls for the release of at least 1,500 of the pre-packaged health units now in storage under the civil defense program.

Decent Housing. Older Americans are gouged more than almost any other group by high property taxes, used to finance the cost of public education. In one state, aged homeowners were paying about 30 percent of their total income in property taxes. In some cases, it went as high as 58 percent. Under the McGovern proposal which calls for the federal government's assumption of one-third of the cost of education, this would fall dramatically.

Student Poll

Wilmington - A straw vote taken Friday, October 20, at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington by the Youth for Bowle\$ organization has shown Jim Holshouser leading his Democrat opponent by better than two-to-one in the race for the Governor's Mansion.

Of the 350 students questioned, 70% indicated they would vote for the 38-year-old Legislator. Hargrove Bowle\$ received the endorsement of 10% and the remaining 20% of those queried were either undecided or not registered to vote.



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Fulfilling Retirement. Senator McGovern has proposed the establishment of Retirement Career Guidance centers, in cooperation with existing non-profit organizations. Small groups of older people could then come together with trained counselors to identify their skills to see how those skills could be put to work in voluntary, part-time or full-time work and to learn job finding techniques.

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Abortion. Senator McGovern believes that the federal government should not be involved in legislation regarding abortion.

Unlike Mr. Nixon, Senator McGovern would undertake no federal action to implement his personal views.

For that reason, the Senator feels that abortion should not be an issue in the Presidential campaign.

Marijuana. Senator McGovern opposes the legalization of marijuana. Instead, he favors the removal of jail sentences for the private possession and use of marijuana. That is, private possession and use should be made a misdemeanor not involving a jail sentence.

The Senator supports the strict enforcement of laws against the commercial sale of marijuana, especially to minors, and favors more vigorous efforts to control the use of hard drugs.

Senator McGovern recognizes drug abuse as one of the most dangerous and complex problems facing this nation and proposes a \$1.5 billion coordinated attack on dangerous drugs, including heroin and hallucinogens.

OPEN GOVERNMENT

Senator McGovern believes an informed electorate is necessary for democracy to work. He believes the deception and secrecy in government today raise serious questions and doubts about the survival of self-government.

He would hold regular, frequent Presidential and Cabinet-level press conferences. His Presidential appointees would make financial disclosure statements as has Senator McGovern since he began his campaign, and make regular reports on contacts by lobbying organizations and special interest groups.

Professional personnel responsible for the collection of statistical information would be available for press briefings and interviews. Finally, classification of documents would be limited.

The people need to know the facts; the government has a responsibility to present them. That is why government under a McGovern Administration would be open government.

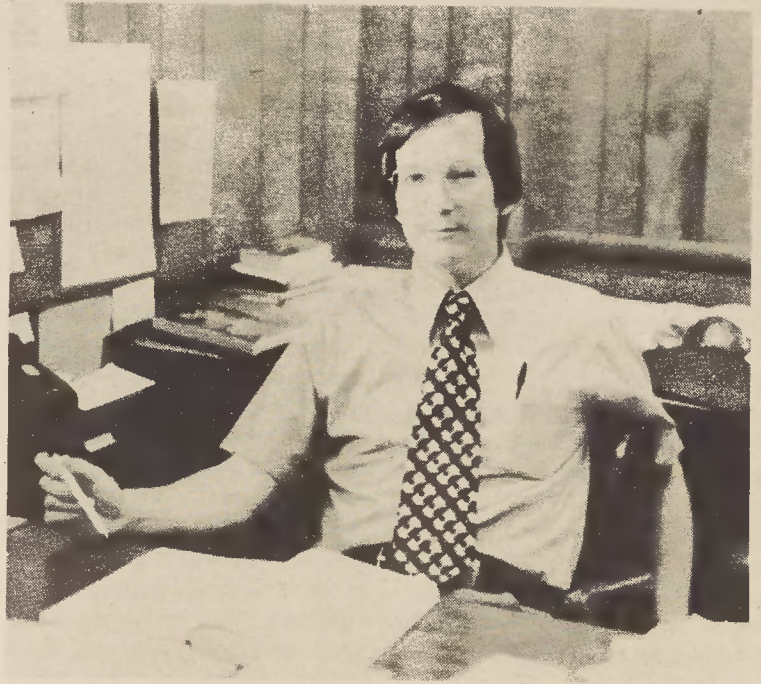
Thomas Settles Into W-S Life

by Gwen Smith

When I entered a third floor office in Main Hall, Dr. Michael Thomas was seated behind the standard wooden desk, comfortably leaning back in his chair. Eyes framed by a pair of wire-rims, the interview began by a confession from him of being unusually tired. The morning had begun at 6:00 A.M. His reason for such an early start was to type his first test for the students in Sociology 100. As this was the test I was to take the next day, and I had not studied yet, I was ready to quickly change the subject. The interview proceeded with a few gently prodding questions which were all willingly answered and elaborated upon. My companion was Sylvia Aldini, Salem's exchange student from Italy, and as a result our discussion ranged from the seating arrangement within a classroom to the disturbances on the campuses of Europe, Africa, and South America.

Mike Thomas grew up in Alabama, attended college at Baylor University, was graduated from divinity school at Harvard, and then received his PhD in Sociology from UNC at Chapel Hill. He has been teaching for seven years, first at the University of North Carolina then Washington and Lee and the University of Maryland.

Already fitting into Salem's community, Dr. Thomas was one of the Junior class sponsors for Founder's Day, and he can usually be seen eating lunch in the Refectory on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He enjoys talking with the students and is very positive about being at Salem. One of the obstacles he has in a classroom of all girls is that they are inclined to talk at the same time. But, he says, he is learning to accept this as a natural happening at Salem. He likes the



Dr. Michael Thomas relaxes in his office after a strenuous day in Salem's Sociology department.

class participation he had found, and he is impressed by the freedom felt by the students to visit and discuss matters with the faculty.

In discussing class structure, Mike Thomas is very open to change when it is beneficial. He feels the lecture method is an antiquated method of communicating knowledge and should only be used when relating material that is not readily accessible. However, he feels the students reinforce the lecture method.

The students exert a "passive dependence" on the professor and they expect an entertaining lecture from each class they attend.

The shelves that lined one side of the office were completely filled with books, and there were more stacked on the floor. He confirmed the obvious fact that he liked to read.

This new, well-informed member of the Sociology Department is very eager to encounter Salem.

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